

SANDY SPRING BANCORP INC
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 Friis Mark E

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 SANDY SPRING BANCORP INC
 [SASR]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 02/21/2008

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

SANDY SPRING BANCORP, INC., 17801 GEORGIA AVENUE

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

OLNEY, MD 20832

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
				(A) or (D)	Price				
				Code	V	Amount			
Common Stock	02/21/2008		P	A	1,000	\$ 28.31	5,300	I	By Trust
Common Stock							886	D	
Common Stock							215	I	Restricted Stock ⁽¹⁾

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 37.4			Code V (A) (D)		12/13/2007 ⁽²⁾ 12/13/2013	Common Stock	1,251
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 38.13					12/14/2005 ⁽³⁾ 12/14/2012	Common Stock	788

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Friis Mark E SANDY SPRING BANCORP, INC. 17801 GEORGIA AVENUE OLNEY, MD 20832	X			

Signatures

/s/ Janet VA Replogle, attorney-in-fact for Mr. Friis

02/25/2008

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

(1) Award of restricted stock under 2005 Omnibus Stock Plan. Shares vest in equal increments on each anniversary of the grant over 5 years.

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- (2) Award of stock options under 2005 Omnibus Stock Plan. Options vest in equal increments on each anniversary of the grant date over three years.
- (3) Fully vested and exercisable.

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